thee, sin to be thy light and thy defender, And heaven itself forever to possess thee,

—John Bowring from the Span ch.

Boston's Novel Entertainment.

In issning invitations to an evening party a gentleman sent cards to ten young ladies and nine young gentlemen. Inclosed was and this young gentlemen. Increase ward handsomely engraved card bearing the word "Causerie," followed by the line from "Paradise Lost," "With thee conversing, I forget all time." No little curiosity was aroused. When the nineteen guests had assembled the host presented ten current topics for discus-sion, and instead of the gentlemen writing their names on the ladies' dance cards, the latter flitted about and selected their part-ners for a chat. As there was one lady too many, zest was added to the choice. But fif--teen minutes were allowed for each conversation, when at the tinkle of a bell a new move tion, when the "left out" lady reports as having the best time of all. Moving from couple to couple she ascertained "just how popular Mrs. Cleveland is in the country," "how many cigars the average man smokes in the course of the day," and "the one and only correct recipe for preparing Boston

Meanest Man in the World.

The meanest man in the world is the pro-prietor of a siere in this city. He has just posted up a notice to all the saleswomen in his establishment to the effect that they must wear buttoned shoes hereafter. When asked his reason for this order he said he lost money on the girls who were laced shees. "I have in my store about 100 girls," said he, "and they all wear laced shoes. These shoes be-come untied about five times every day, and it takes two minutes to tie them again. At that rate each girl loses 10 minutes a day, and 100 girls lose 1,000 minutes in the same time. That makes about 16 hours per day, or two days' work. I pay my girls \$1.50 per day, and the loss consequently means \$3 per day, or about \$1,000 per year. That much money will keep my boy and girl at school very nicely, or will pay my gas bills, and I propose to save it."—Philadelphia Record.

Startling Improvements in Gunnery

The Elswick Ordnanco company, Lord Armstrong's, has perfected a 4% inch breechloader from which ten rounds were fired in 47% seconds. A six foot target 1,000 yards away was struck five times running in 31 seconds. With this startling improve.neut in gunnery comes a new powder from the Chilworth company, which with a charge weighing a third less, a velocity of nearly 2,400 feet per second is obtained, as compared with 2,000 feet with other powders. There has also been launched lately, for Italy, by the Elswick company, the Piemonte, a 21 knot cruiser of 2,500 tons, which, in consequence of being fitted with this new type of guns, can discharge against an adversary in a given time twice the weight of shot and shell that can be fired by the largest war vessel now affect. - New York Sun.

Shoes Covered with Diamonds.

The facility with which a bootblack makes ashoe shine like diamonds has been re-marked by every one, but it is doubtful if any one has thought out the proposition that when the knight of the brush is through he leaves your footgear bristling with diamonds, Diamonds are nothing but crystallized car-bon. Blacking, which is bone black, is little mere when projected than carbon paste, and the friction of a hair brush being one of the most efficient methods of generating elec-tricity has the effect of crystallizing the carbon of the bincking. As soon as this is done the boot is covered with millions of infinitely small diamonds, and of course begins to shine

pos-ession of the Bryant family, "being now Mr. Parke Godwin, Mr. Bryant's son-in-law. Many of the poet's effects are still in the house. In the library his desk and chair remain practically as to left them, and in the same room are the paintings given him by the American artists. The house is kept in good repair, and the grounds are in excellent order. The old oak, a favorite with the poet, was blown down-or fell-last year. The logs are now being seasoned so that they can made into furniture and souvenirs for members of the family and intimate friends."

Exercise in Open Air. School hours, six of them, are long enough to confine a growing brain to books, and there should be no bringing lessons home. Active exercise in open air should be the rule, with plenty of plain food and an early bed. symptoms that had begun to cause well grounded apprehension. She had learned to denied that locusts were lish, that as such the like tennis, and for the last month of her common people might cut tham, while the

Accounted For.

"Emily," said Mr. Barracks, sternly, "when I entered the parlor last evening it seems to me that you and Mr. Tarpey, if not exactly occupying one chair were never-theless so near to one another that to a bird's

eye you might just as well have been."
"Well, pa, what can I do! George comes
to see me, and he's awfully near siguted. I must be polite."-New York Evening Sun.

A New High Wire Act.

There is a new high wire act. Two men starting from different ends of a slack wire meet and pass each other, going by on a waltz step. A woman actually dances on the wire, and a man trots across it with a com-A woman actually dances on the panion upright on his shoulders. - New York

Oysters in the Village.

Customer-Give me a dozen raw. How long will it take you to open them? Proprietor-Only about a minute, sir. Bill, where in thunder's that can opener!-Boston

Mme. Goeffrin once said that there were three things that women threw away-their time, their money and their health.

Better a donkey which lets you ride thank the horse which throws you off.—Trigane Proverb.

CRANKS AT HEADQUARTERS.

Some Carlons People Who Seek Adrice

from New York Police Officials. There are a number of eccentric individual who may correctly be termed "Police Headquarters cranks," who never enter the building. Among these are two women, cener Among these are two women, gener ally very well dressed, who have made it a practice for several years past to promenade up and down in front of the building at certain intervals of the day. They are seen to look up at the windows as if jealous of the occupant, all the while mumbling to them-selves. Any attempt to get information from them they strongly resent, and the mystery as to who they are or where they hall from is as impenetrable as any cavern of Cimmerian darkness. Even on wet days these women present themselves, and there are those around headquarters who say the women even did their promonade act on

confined to wormen, the same that efficial, be total tale as morranful as it was, perhaps, full of the essence of common sense. He said to tale as morranful as it was, perhaps, full of the essence of common sense. He said to tale as morranful as it was, perhaps, full of the essence of common sense. He said to tale as morranful as it was, perhaps, full of the essence of common sense. He said to tale as morranful as it was, perhaps, full of the string of Mozart, had carboyed the strains of Mendelssoin's popular to the strains of Mendelssoin's popular to the strains of Mendelssoin's popular to the strains of the stra about seventy summers, entered the building some nights ago. He inquired of good "Dencon" Moore where he could find the in-spector. When no met that official, he told n tale as morraful as it was, perhaps, full of the essence of common sense. He said be had bowed at the shring of Mozart, had enjoyed the strains of Mendelsonn's popular waltzes, had become encaptured at coll. Simm's orchestra, but he could not the inspector in some way suppress the nuisance. The genial police official promised to do what he could, and the coll gentleman joyinal hurried away. He had hardly got outside the sendow of the building when an elderly weman entered. She was as loquacious as a marking high and as emphaticas a campaign the strains of Mendelssohn's popular woman entered. Sae was as adjusted as a very large of the mocking bird and as emphaticas a campaigh speaker. The old lady said she livel next door but one to a church, and the ringing of the bells in the early morning hours had much annoyed her. She claimed it robbed her of many bours' sleep, and she had become so annoyed by the continual ringing that she had crossed over the channel separating Christianity from Infidelism and was now a cohert of Ingersoil. All this change now a cohort of Ingersoil. All this change she attributed to the effect of the bell, and not mean who sacrifices herself for society

years ago by a deceased relative, and that he intends soon to send in a bill for rent to the city, whom he considers his tenant. This crank lounges about the steps of the building, and his face is a familiar one to those who have business there. He dresses well, and seems always supplied with abandant lucre. It is said be has been preaching in this wise for many years past, and that his relatives are persons powerfully high up in the politi-cal affairs of the city.-New York World.

Electric Motors in Europe.

Though it is well known that the transmission of power by electricity in England has made little progress as compared with the enormous extent to which it has been developed in this country, we are hardly pro pared to learn from so good an authority as Professor Ayrton, that is the whole of Great Britain there are hardly 10) electric motors at work at the present time, as compared with 6,000 at work in this country. It would be difficult to prove, we think, that the much abused English electric lighting act is entirely expressible for this state of backwardness. responsible for this state of backwardness and we are confirmed in this opinion by the very neat definition which Professor Ayrton has given of the difference of the term "in-crtia," as looked at from the English and American standpoints. As Professor Ayrton puts it, inertia, from the foreign standpoint, is a "resistance to motion," whereas, looked at from the American standpoint, it means

"resistance to standing sti L"

Thus, while our English consins boast that
they are ahead of us so far as science is concorned, and even assert that their machines are bester than ours, the fact remains that while they are waiting for developments and as a mass of chargends would. This is not a perfect explanation of the phenomenou, but it is good as far as it goes.—Show Dealer in Globe-Democrat. And in such results, indeed, is em-"House of Seven Gables."

A correspondent of The Book Buyer writes well theory may indicate results, it is only by seven gables" is still in the actual experience that the true value of any system or device can be ascertained; and cupied by Mr. Harold G.dw.n, a son of though trial and failure may be in the first place a more expensive way of obtaining this true value, it certainly has the advantage of getting at results quickly, and in a shape which mere speculation could never reach.—

I failure as was that of Bismarck to substitute German for French in diplomatic correspondence.

Once upon a time, so the story goes, the chancellor wrote a letter to his official

Locusts Enten in Algiers. It is an ancient and enered custom of the natives to eat these insects. Tradition has it that at the first appearance of the locusts Mohammed instructed his disciples not to destroy them. But one day the great prophet noticed on the wings of one of these insects an inscription in He'rew characters saying: "We are the soldiers of God; we lay ninetynine eggs. Whenever we shall lay one bununiverse will have been devoured dred the by us." Horrifiel at this sacrilege the propiet straightway interviewed the Lord and received the order that as a punishment of the locusts the faithful should kill and eat them.

Newspaper Editing Extraordinary.

During the state fair at Elmira many visitors from way back wended their locusts the faithful should kill and eat them. as an exercise for girls. During the summer just closed I have seen a charming child exchange pale cheeks and listless gair for the bright that and clastic step that belong to bright that and clastic step that belong to bright that and clastic step that belong to bright the flesh of animals not born, but her years, and utterly lose alarming lung the Mohammedan ductors of law, as becomes wise and dutiful guardians of their flocks common people might eat thom, while the men in hely order should deny themselves vacation had averaged fifty games a day.—
William P. Hutchinson, M. D., in American
this sweet morsel in order to aveid the temp tation to gorgo themselves. Certainly a very wise and literal interpretation to prevent a

The Cat Craze Coming.

Recently Queen Victoria has contracted the habit of carrying her household cats along with her when she moves from one castle to another. The transportation of cats has, therefore, become quite a fashionable craze in England, no family of the least pretensions considering it in good form to appear at a railway station without an ample basket containing the domestic felines. The aping of royalty even in the most absured and saily customs is one of those things that is not destined to die out soon. Of course the cat craze is liable at any moment to invade the ranks of our American nobility.-Baltimore Herald.

A Somewhat Curlous Distinction.

Rajhib Bey, a Turkish official, was recently arrested in Constantinople for accepting brikes. He has now been released and is engaged in investigating the charges against gaged in investigating the charges against Osman Bey, first chamberlain of the sultan's palace, who is accused of stealing civil service funds. The explanation is given that Rajhib Bey robbel none but unbelievers, while Osman stole from the faithful. The distinction seems to be a curious one, but Mahometans always have been eccentric.—

New York World.

That story from Wichita, Kan., about an eagle flying away with a child was very sad, but it could have been sadder. Suppose the eagle had returned and carried off sing har that invented it.—Detroit Free Press. palace, who is accused of stealing civil service funds. The explanation is given that

MORPHINE IN PARIS.

The Abuse of Amesthetics by Society Ladies. Unfortunate Consequence

The practice of employing subcutaneous injections of corphine as one of the many torms of opium poisoning has become a formidable social evil in the latter part of this century, which has so much upon its conscience. It is one of the vices upon its conscience. It is one of the vices which science has taught, and of which the list is certainly not exhausted. The vulgarization of anaesthetics justifies as much alarm for the future of the race as the vulgarization of chemical science in the preparation of explosives does for the future of our public buildings. Ladies now talk of morphine, cocaine and anti-pyrine as they talk of frills and fur-belows. Their language reminds one of the jars and phials of a chemist's shop Doctors in the first instance initiated them into the mysteries of anaesthetics,

cinating power of these drugs with fatal readiness, and which breaks her will to

The woman who lives for society-I do she had called on the inspector in the hope that his interference might save other Christian women from adopting the alternative she had.

Perhaps the most curious of all the eccentric individuals is the middle aged man who has an idea that he owns the City Hall building and park, and who parades this intelligence to any and all who will listen to him. He says the property was willed to him many years ago by a deceased relative, and that be plysic has triumphed over pain, but death still triumphs over physic. The little piqure in the arm sends away the raging neuralgia as if by magic, and what is more wonderful, instead of the pain it gives a delightful sensation of perfect vitality—a happy mind in a healthy body. What a pity that the sensation does not last very long! It may, however, be re-

what a pity that the sensation does not last very long! It may, however, be renewed by having recourse to the little needle and by gradually increasing the dose of morphine as the body grows accustomed to the poison.

The unfortunate consequences of this habit in some notable cases—the death, for instance, of the Duchesse de Chanlaes a few years ago—produced a wholesome fear of exemplaine, and althought this fear fear of morphine, and although this fear did not cure those who were already fascinated by the eyes of the seductive field, it kept many from following their example. Moreover, another pain killer came into fashion; it was young, and consequently had no bad reputation. This was antipyrine, whose prelies Dr. Camillo See has counded in the Academy of Medicine. Already some disquicting reports are affect respecting the effect of this drug upon those who have habitual recourse to nated by the eyes of the seductive fiend, upon those who have habitual recourse it, and who have come to look upon it as absolutely necessary to their existence. We shall probably hear more about it seen.—Paris Cor. Reston Transcript.

Attempt to Banish French.

Cook book Prench has been ordered out of the reyal presence by William II of Gormany, and speiskarto has taken the place of menu as a generic name of a bill of fare. It remains to be seen whether this order will be followed through all Generally went to changing the many of the trany, even to changing the name of the standard cook book of the country, "Das-Menn," constantly consulted, according to a French writer, by the Gretchens with blends breids, between their reading of Goothe and their playing of a Beethoven sonata. The same writer predicts that the attempt to banksh French from the nemenclature of viands will be as complete. Also ag

Ones upon a time, so the story goes, the chancellor wrote a letter to his official brother at St. Petersburg in German. Prince Cortschakoff thereupon sent a re-ply in the purest Muscovite. That ended Bismarck'u efforts at reform. But perhaps the German emperor's objections to names of French terminology on his bills of fare are based on the wretchedness of the French, unless German cooks are better taught in French orthography than are the wielders of stewpans and ladles in American hotel kitchens.-Boston Transcript

Newspaper Editing Extraordinary.

"No," responded that official; "you'll find the editor in the next room." The granger went as directed by the

oking engineer and accosted the foreman

of the press room with:
"You be the editor, be you?"
"Yee," said the printer of papers, who
understood the joke.

wise and literal interpretation to prevent a famine among the poor. —Philadelphia Times.

The Cat Crace Comise.

The Cat Crace Comise. the lightning perfecting press at the same

see this man edit papers!"

The suppressed laughter among the press room hands got vent after the old fellow retired, and fairly shook the build-

Faculty of Disappearing.

The papers say that "wine is disappear-ing from the table." Mrs. Haische, who keeps a boarding house, says she has no

Might Have Been Worse.

A Curious Stranberry.

A curious monstrosity, lately exhibited to the Royal Horticultural society, is an Alpine strawberry in which all the parts of the flower are more or less represented by leaves. The plant was described by old botanists, but had come to be regarded as a myth until its reappearance in recent years.—Arkansaw Traveler.

A professor in the University of Vienna, long a sufferer through poison in the eye, was completely cured by having a rabbit's nerve attached to the old nerve. Dr. Gersuny, the assistant to the great surgeon of the world, Dr. Bilroth, performed the operation — Boston Budget.

Would Be Better.

Ho (a new arrival at country totel, to unknown lady)—Aw—have you been long a captive in this-er-menagerie?

She—You can hardly call me a captive; perhaps keeper would be better; for I am the wife of the showman, and have to help feed the animals.—Harper's Bazar.

Love is not altogether a delirium, yet it has many points in common herewith. I call it rather a discerning of the infinite in the finite—of the ideal made real.—

DRAWING ROOM GOSSIP.

The self conscious bride is semetimes the one who knows her father will support the

Considerable of the promised fushionable stocks and bonds.

Social disparity in high places is one of the things disciples of Vanity Fair refuse to discusa with strangers.

The affability of American countesses, baronesses, etc., ia receiving reporters and telling them of their love and family affairs is simply delightful.

A faker m too west is advertising a recipe which will tell for Label to make your horse an artist. When you forward him \$1, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith, you receive by return mail a neatly printed card bearing the words: "Give your horse drawing exercises and he will get there. Ta ta."

Mile. Decca, the young American opera singer, has obtained a triumphant success at Citexet is growing in popularity among

scores. The Empress Victoria has promised that no

biography of Kaiser Fritz shall be published Princess Sophie of Prussia, who has been

betrothed to the crewn prince of Greece, is 18, and her flattee 20. Mrs. Wordsworth, the daughter-in-law of the poet, and last survivor of the occupants of Rydal Mount, is dead.

The Countres of Pellegrini Bay, one of the last of the grand dames of the Eighteenth century, has just died in Italy.

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